

MESSAGE

OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

A copy of a letter from the chargé d'affaires ad interim of the United States in China, and of the regulations for consular courts which accompanied it.

FEBRUARY 7, 1860.—Read, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit a copy of a letter of the 22d of April last from the chargé d'affaires *ad interim* of the United States in China, and of the regulations for consular courts which accompanied it, for such revision thereof as Congress may deem expedient, pursuant to the sixth section of the act approved the 11th of August, 1848.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

WASHINGTON, *February 6, 1860.*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Macao, April 22, 1859.

SIR: Conformably to the sixth section of the act of Congress approved August 11, 1848, I have the honor to transmit to the President the accompanying regulations for the consular courts of November 9, 1858, issued and published by William B. Reed, minister plenipotentiary to China, under the provisions of the said act of Congress, with the opinions of the American consuls at the treaty ports, (that for Ningpo being absent,) "to be laid before Congress for revision."

With sentiments of the highest respect, I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

S. WELLS WILLIAMS,

Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim, of the U. S. A. in China.

JAMES BUCHANAN,

President of the United States of America.

Regulations for the Consular Courts of the United States of America in China.

By authority of Congress, given for the fulfillment of existing treaty stipulations between the United States of America and China, the following additional regulations and orders for the use and government of the United States consular courts in China are ordered and established in conformity to the act of Congress approved August 11, 1848, entitled "An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries."

CLERK'S FEES.

For docketing every suit commenced.....	\$1 00
For drawing every notice, paper, order, or process, not heretofore provided for	2 00
And if it exceed two hundred words, for every additional hundred words.....	1 00
For every seal to process issued.....	1 00

MARSHAL'S FEES.

For apprehending a deserter, and delivering him on board the vessel deserted from, to be paid by the vessel before leaving port	5 00
For searching for the same, and, if not found, to be certified by the consul, and, on his order, to be paid by said ship...	2 00
For serving every notice not heretofore provided for, in addition to the usual traveling fees.....	50

CRIER'S FEES.

On trial of every suit.....	1 00
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All fees and expenses of court are to be paid by the party against whom judgment is entered, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

WILLIAM B. REED, [L. s.]

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America in China.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Shanghai, November 9, 1858.

Assented to November 9, 1858.

W. L. G. SMITH,
United States Consul, Shanghai.

Assented to November 9, 1858.

T. HART HYATT,
United States Consul, Amoy.

Assented to November 26, 1858.

OLIVER H. PERRY,
United States Consul, Canton.

Assented to December 18, 1858.

THOS. DUNN,
United States Vice-Consul, Fuhchau.